

**THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL
AID COMMISSION**



**TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT
1985-86**

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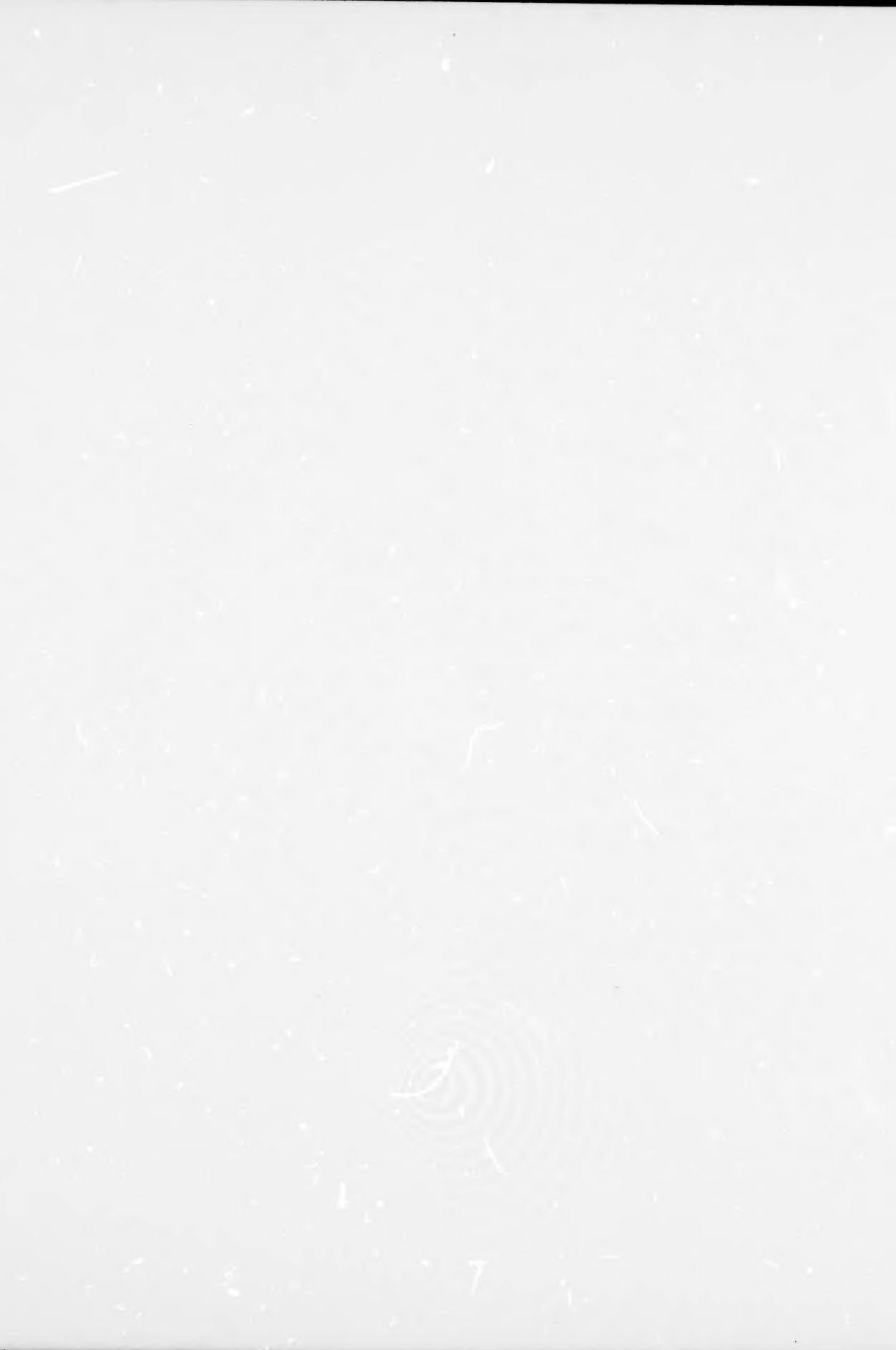
The Honourable F.W. Johnson
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May It Please Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of The
Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission for the fiscal year
ended March 31, 1986.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Dirks,
Minister of Social Services.





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The Honourable Gordon Dirks,
Minister of Social Services,
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Dear Sir:

It is my pleasure to forward to you the Twelfth Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission in accordance with Section 38(1) of The Legal Aid Act, depicting the affairs of the Commission in the 1985-86 fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ian J. Wilson, Chairman,
The Saskatchewan Legal
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FOREWORD

The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Plan formally came into existence with the proclamation of *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act, 1974* on the 20th day of August, 1974.

This Act was subsequently amended by *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act*. The implementation of the Act remained the responsibility of various community groups charged with the delivery of quality legal services in their respective areas.

On September 1, 1983 *The Legal Aid Act* was proclaimed and *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act* was repealed. This new Act places the responsibility for direct delivery of legal services with The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission.

Section 38(1) of *The Legal Aid Act* provides that:

"The commission, shall in accordance with *The Tabling of Documents Act*, prepare and submit to the minister:

- (a) a report respecting the conduct of the business and affairs of the commission for its immediately preceding fiscal year
- (b) a financial statement showing the business of the commission for such fiscal year, in such forms as may be required by Treasury Board."

This, the Twelfth Annual Report of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission is prepared in accordance with that provision and reflects the affairs of the Commission for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 1985 and ending March 31, 1986.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission has received, over the past four years, the following legislative appropriations:

82/83 - \$5,877,620
83/84 - 5,751,990
84/85 - 5,751,990
85/86 - 6,115,990

This constitutes a gross increase of 4% over the past four years, or an average of 1% per year. Statistics Canada reports that over that same period for the Saskatchewan region there was a gross increase of 16% in the cost price index (inflation). Public funding of Legal Aid has clearly not kept inflation in sight during this period.

The consequences have been self evident. Because salaries of staff make up 87% of the Commission expenditures, severe constraints have been imposed on salary negotiations. There has been a net reduction on staff of nine over the four year period, and certain vacancies have been filled on a delayed basis.

Financial Eligibility

There has been no basic change in the regulations covering financial eligibility since the inception of the plan in 1973/74. Approximately 55% of our clients are on some form of social assistance, and the other 45% are people whose annual income is within the maximum guidelines of the supplementary Family Income Plan.

Range of Service

Essentially, there has been no change in the services provided since September of 1983 when full services were restricted to criminal and family law matters. Two exceptions exist:

1. Since the inception of the *Young Offenders Act*, universal services are available to Young Offenders upon request by the offender.
2. A much more active program of summary advice has been initiated, in part to compensate for the restrictions placed upon the range of services.

Union Negotiations

By January, 1986, negotiations with Local C.U.P.E. Local 1949 had been completed with a two-year agreement, the first year of which covers the reporting year. In the year 1985/86, the salary grid remained unchanged, but the equivalent of a 3% cash payout was agreed to.

Official Representatives

Effective at the end of this recording year, The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission entered into a contractual arrangement with The Saskatchewan Department of Health, undertaking to provide persons to carry out the duties of Official Representatives under the new *Mental Health Services Act*. Official Representatives provide designed services to mentally ill persons who are involuntarily committed. The services of Official Representatives are provided in all nine mental health regions of Saskatchewan.

Meetings of The Commission

Formal meetings of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission were held on the following dates:

April 2, 1985
April 19, 1985
May 17, 1985
June 21, 1985

July 8, 1985
July 24, 1986
July 29, 1985
September 20, 1985
October 18, 1985
November 15, 1985
December 20, 1985
January 17, 1986
March 14, 1986

During 1985/86 Ms. Patricia Lorje, Saskatoon, completed her term as a Commissioner. Mr. Wilf Tucker replaced Mr. Peter Foley.

Staffing

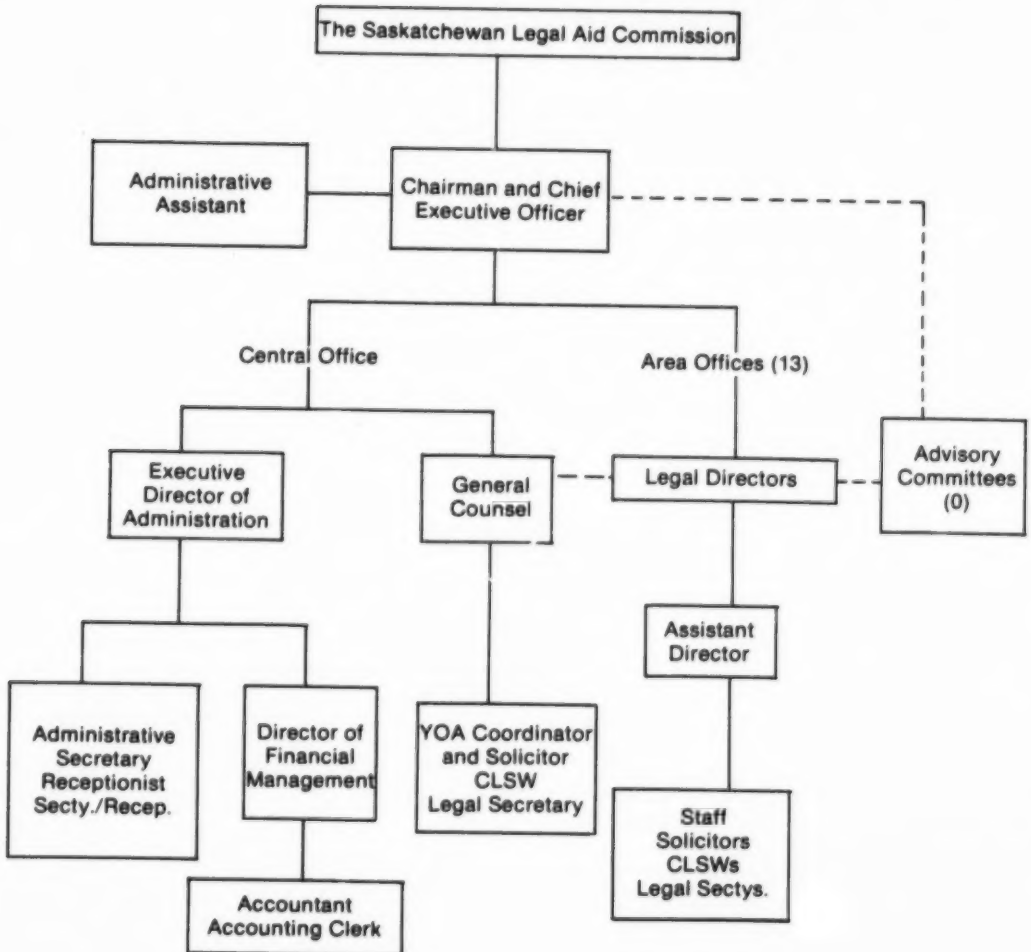
The following are selected staff changes:

1. Jane Lancaster joined Central Office in September, 1985 in the capacity of Co-ordinator, Young Offender Services & Staff Solicitor. Ms. Lancaster was Legal Director at Melfort for six years.
2. Barry Treacy became Legal Director at Melfort Area Office in September of 1985, where he had previously been staff solicitor for 4½ years.
3. Leslie Cooper joined the Swift Current Area Office as Legal Director in January of 1986, following the departure of Tim White to the Prince Albert Area Office.
4. Three solicitor positions were created at the Prince Albert, Regina City and Saskatoon City Area Offices due to the increased workloads caused by the inclusion of 16 and 17 year olds under the *Young Offenders Act*.

The Chairman wishes to express his appreciation for the strong guidance provided by Commissioners. *The Legal Aid Act* requires that the Commission meet only four times a year; however, Commissioners have insisted on meeting on a regular basis and have done so in a most effective manner. For the past four or five years *The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Plan* has been stabilized and functioning in a most productive and efficient way, keeping within the constraints of budget. Although *The Legal Aid Plan* has not been financially starved, it has suffered for a number of years from malnutrition, with the attendant malaise.

In looking at those who staff the plan, it is interesting to note that out of 140, some 25 employees have been with *The Plan* more than 10 years, and over 75 have served Legal Aid for more than five years. *The Plan* has matured and the staff has achieved a measure of credibility and acceptance, which is most laudable. To those who have provided publicly-funded legal services, both as members of the staff of the Commission, and as members of the private bar, *The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission* wishes to convey its deep appreciation.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



THE COMMISSION

With the proclamation of *The Legal Aid Act* on September 1, 1983, the Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission was continued as a body corporate under the name of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission. The persons appointed as members of The Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission and the person appointed as Chairman of the commission continue as members and chairman respectively of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission until such time as new members and a new chairman are appointed pursuant to the Act. The Commission consists of eleven members as follows:

- (a) three members appointed by the chairmen of the advisory committees at a meeting of the chairmen;
- (b) two members of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, nominated for the purpose by the benchers of the society;
- (c) one member who is a member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan appointed by the Attorney General of Canada;
- (d) four members who are not members of the Law Society of Saskatchewan appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
- (e) one member who is an employee of the Department of Justice appointed by the minister.

Those members who served on the Commission during the 1985-86 fiscal year were:

IAN J. WILSON, Chairman, Saskatoon. Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council September 1, 1979.

PATRICIA LORJE, Psychologist, Saskatoon. Appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council September 1, 1979 to August 31, 1985.

2 VACANT positions for appointment by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

JAMES BENNING, Department of Justice, Regina. Appointed by the Minister January 14, 1980.

A. QUENTIN AGNEW, Barrister and Solicitor, Saskatoon. Appointed by the Attorney General of Canada November 7, 1979.

PETER FOLEY, Barrister and Solicitor, Saskatoon. Appointed from the Law Society of Saskatchewan January 1, 1982 to December 31, 1985.

WILFRED TUCKER, Barrister and Solicitor, Saskatoon. Appointed from the Law Society of Saskatchewan January 1, 1986.

MORRIS BODNAR, Barrister and Solicitor, Saskatoon. Appointed from the Law Society of Saskatchewan September 16, 1983.

GUS LOUISE, Community Worker and Chairperson of the P.A. & District Community Legal Services Society, Prince Albert. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards June 11, 1983.

GREG WALEN, Barrister and Solicitor and Chairperson of the Saskatoon Legal Assistance Clinic Society, Saskatoon. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards April 30, 1983.

MARK SWARTOUT, Businessman and Chairperson of the Parkland Legal Services Inc., Yorkton. Appointed by the Association of Area Boards April 30, 1983.

DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission shall:

- (a) to the extent that funds are appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, provide legal serv-

ices to persons and organizations in respect of civil and criminal matters where those persons and organizations are financially unable to secure those services from their own resources; establish and describe the boundaries of legal aid areas and may alter or modify the boundaries of any area;

- (b) prepare and submit annually to the minister, in any form that he may require, an estimate of its financial requirements for the next following fiscal year;
- (c) establish, after consultation with the Law Society of Saskatchewan, a tariff of fees pursuant to which solicitors, other than solicitors employed by the commission, shall receive remuneration for their services rendered under the Act;
- (d) make the required payment for services rendered by solicitors in accordance with the tariff of fees established under clause (d);
- (e) evaluate or cause to be evaluated the legal services rendered pursuant to the Act;
- (f) provide to the minister any information that he may require on any matter respecting the provision of services pursuant to the Act;
- (g) establish and maintain a panel of solicitors for the purposes of the provision of legal services.

POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

Subject to the Act and the regulations, the Commission may:

- (a) establish procedures to determine the eligibility of applicants for legal services;
- (b) employ solicitors or other persons for the purpose of providing legal services under the Act and appoint a solicitor to act as general counsel to the commission;
- (c) maintain a legal aid office in each area;
- (d) establish guidelines, procedures and requirements pursuant to which solicitors or other persons retained under the Act shall provide legal services;
- (e) employ persons to administer the Act;
- (f) use full-time university law students in providing legal services, but a student so used shall be supervised by a solicitor and shall not appear as counsel in any superior or surrogate court;
- (g) by means of advertising or otherwise, inform the public with respect to the nature and extent of legal services available under the Act;
- (h) initiate, conduct and participate in any public legal education and other programs that the commission considers advisable to achieve the purposes of the Act;
- (i) advance any money that the commission considers appropriate to an advisory committee to assist that committee in carrying out its powers and duties under the Act;
- (j) encourage and assist, by means of grants or otherwise, the programs of any full-time undergraduates of a college or faculty of law of a university in Canada recognized by the University of Saskatchewan where those programs have objects consistent with the purposes of the Act;
- (k) delegate any powers of the commission to the chairman;
- (l) do any other things that are necessary, incidental or conducive to carrying out the Act according to its intent.

ELIGIBILITY AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

The object of the Act is to provide legal services to persons and organizations in respect of civil and criminal matters where those persons and organizations are financially unable to secure those services from their own resources.

Following the proclamation of *The Legal Aid Act* in September 1983 the Commission continued to use the Regulations of *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act*. The Regulations outlining the financial criteria are:

- "2 (1) Subject to the Act, an applicant is eligible to receive legal services under the Plan:
- (a) when he receives all or part of his income pursuant to social assistance;
 - (b) when he does not receive any of his income pursuant to a program of social assistance and he has an income equal to or less than that which he would be entitled to receive under social assistance; or
 - (c) when the obtaining of legal services outside the plan would reduce the income of an applicant to a point whereby he would become eligible for the benefits under social assistance;
- (2) A client who is eligible pursuant to subsection (1)(c) may be required by the commission to make a contribution towards the payment of the costs of the legal services rendered on his behalf;
- (3) Contributions are payable to the commission and their amount shall be fixed by an eligibility officer;
- (4) No contribution shall be in an amount so large as to reduce the income of the applicant to a level where he would be eligible for social assistance;
- (5) A group, organization or society, the membership of which is predominantly eligible persons, shall also be eligible to receive legal services under the plan;
- (6) An applicant shall not be required to dispose of his principal place of residence or assets necessary to maintain his livelihood."

The Regulations of *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act*, with respect to the scope of services are as follows:

- "3 (1) Except as otherwise provided in the Act or in these regulations, a client may receive legal services under the plan in respect of any proceedings or proposed proceedings, or proceedings reasonably anticipated by him,
- (a) in any court or other tribunal in Saskatchewan;
 - (b) in any Federal Court of Canada;
 - (c) in the Supreme Court of Canada; or
 - (d) in any court or other tribunal in Canada with the written approval of the chairman;
- (2) Subject to the Act and these regulations, a client may receive appropriate and proper legal services under the plan in respect of drawing documents, negotiating settlements, or giving advice or assistance or supplying information where the subject matter or nature thereof affects the legal rights of the applicant;
- (3) With respect to offences set out under Section 21 of the Act, and with respect to offences under an act of the Legislature of Saskatchewan, when the crown appeals a decision by a court, a solicitor acting for a client may continue

to act for that client;

(4) Other legal services shall not be taken to appeal without the prior consent of the chairman or such person as he may have designated in writing for that purpose."

Effective October 1, 1983, The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission adopted a formal policy concerning the Range of Legal Services. The Range of Services is summarized as follows:

1. Criminal Law Matters
A great many, but not all, legal services are provided.
 - (a) services for serious offences under the Criminal Code (indictable) and other Federal Laws
 - (b) summary conviction offences when there is a likelihood of imprisonment or loss of livelihood
 - (c) a lawyer for offences under the *Young Offenders Act*
 - (d) appeals to a higher court under certain conditions.
2. Civil Law Matters
Most legal services in civil law will be restricted to Family Law
 - (a) Divorce — contested or uncontested
 - (b) Custody
 - (c) Access
 - (d) Maintenance
 - (e) Child Protection
 - (f) Restraining OrdersOther civil law services will only be considered if the applicant's livelihood is in danger, or where the applicant may suffer extraordinary hardship.
3. In some areas of the Province (such as the North), legal aid to meet special needs may be provided.
4. In addition, summary advice and information may be provided to anyone about a wide range of matters if they involve no more than a brief interview or telephone call.

**SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION OF APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS
DIRECTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN — APRIL 1, 1985 to MARCH 31, 1986**

APPEALS AGAINST DENIAL OR WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICES

AREA OFFICE	RANGE OF SERVICE	PROFESSIONAL DISCRETION	FISCAL	TOTAL	DENIED	ALLOWED
The Battlefords	0	0	3	3	3	0
Central	0	0	1	1	1	0
Meadow Lake	0	1	2	3	2	1
Melfort	0	0	1	1	1	0
Moose Jaw	0	0	1	1	1	0
Northern	0	1	0	1	1	0
Prince Albert	2	0	2	4	4	0
Regina City	2	6	1	9	6	3
Regina Rural	2	3	0	5	4	1
Saskatoon City	7	14	5	26	24	2
Saskatoon Rural	0	4	1	5	5	0
South East	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swift Current	1	1	2	4	3	1
Yorkton	1	0	1	2	1	1
TOTALS	15	30	20	65	56	9
ALLOWED IN EACH CATEGORY	1	4	4			

COMPLAINTS — DISSATISFACTION ABOUT SERVICES, ETC.

AREA OFFICE	TOTAL	FOUNDED	UNFOUNDED
The Battlefords	3	0	3
Central	0	0	0
Meadow Lake	0	0	0
Melfort	0	0	0
Moose Jaw	1	0	1
Northern	0	0	0
Prince Albert	4	1	3
Regina City	1	0	1
Regina Rural	1	0	1
Saskatoon City	11	1	10
Saskatoon Rural	2	0	2
South East	1	0	1
Swift Current	0	0	0
Yorkton	0	0	0
TOTALS	24	2	22

SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION
APPLICATIONS BY AREA OFFICE
1985-86

	Battlefords	Meadow Lake	Melfort	Moose Jaw	Northern	Prince Albert
Applications Received	2053	1438	1046	1262	2540	2765
Full Service Applications — Adult	941	708	569	783	1650	1872
Full Service Applications — Young Offenders	225	141	127	154	432	407
Summary Advice	817	523	301	278	420	391
Reciprocal — Referred to other Provinces	4	3	7	5	2	8
Applications Rejected	101	57	42	50	25	69

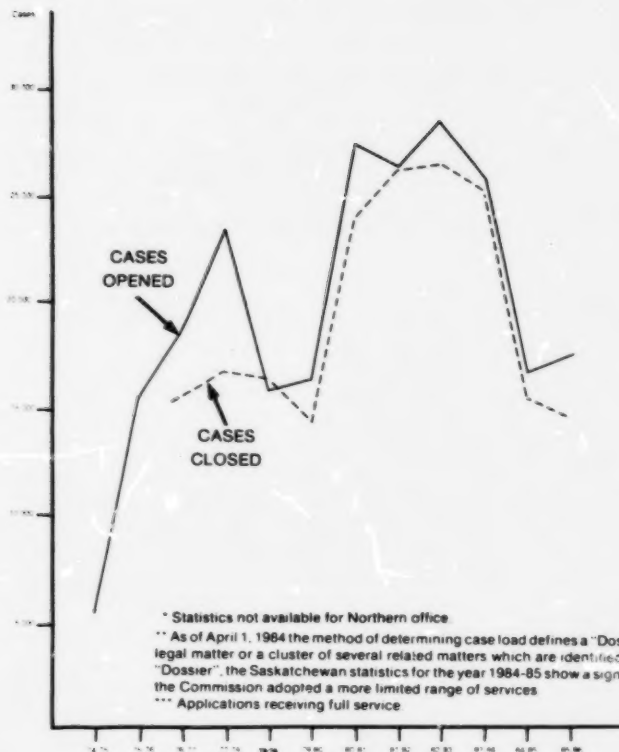
SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION
COMPLETED DOSSIERS BY AREA OFFICE
1985-86

	Battlefords	Meadow Lake	Melfort	Moose Jaw	Northern	Prince Albert	Regina City
CRIMINAL MATTERS*							
Homicide	1 (0)	3 (1)	2 (1)	6 (1)	7 (2)	0 (0)	15 (0)
Sexual Offences	3 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)	2 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)
Sexual Assaults	9 (1)	7 (1)	6 (2)	6 (2)	15 (1)	19 (1)	27 (2)
Other Assaults	114 (11)	84 (8)	74 (8)	49 (7)	335 (23)	185 (21)	160 (30)
Robberies	11 (2)	0 (0)	1 (0)	7 (0)	7 (2)	18 (5)	57 (9)
Theft, B & E, Possession	285 (122)	173 (79)	195 (101)	194 (77)	533 (266)	539 (199)	597 (196)
Fraud, False Pretences	23 (0)	9 (0)	20 (4)	35 (3)	21 (1)	85 (4)	113 (5)
Breath & Impaired	88 (7)	139 (3)	130 (6)	66 (5)	144 (4)	158 (8)	78 (1)
Vehicle Offences	13 (1)	10 (0)	15 (0)	6 (0)	17 (1)	24 (2)	29 (1)
Other Criminal Code	178 (31)	89 (19)	76 (11)	79 (14)	417 (56)	350 (43)	198 (52)
Narcotic, Food & Drug	15 (4)	7 (0)	13 (2)	25 (6)	28 (4)	56 (3)	55 (13)
Other Federal	13 (9)	9 (5)	2 (2)	0 (0)	13 (6)	19 (19)	7 (7)
TOTAL	753 (188)	530 (116)	534 (137)	475 (115)	1539 (386)	1454 (305)	1337 (316)
PROVINCIAL STATUTES							
Liquor/Liquor Licensing	6	7	2	0	24	3	0
Wildlife/Parks	0	2	1	0	5	3	0
Vehicle	40	88	18	4	50	27	2
Other	5	8	0	2	13	5	0
TOTAL	51	105	21	6	92	38	2
FAMILY							
Separation	38	11	24	54	27	58	75
Divorce	63	22	57	40	18	91	161
Custody	44	24	23	24	14	74	134
Child Protection	13	14	11	18	17	43	42
Access	8	5	7	1	2	17	38
Filiation Proceedings	6	1	7	11	2	2	10
Maintenance	58	11	36	20	37	56	113
Restraining Orders	0	0	2	0	8	0	0
Other	6	6	15	15	9	24	34
Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	236	94	182	183	134	365	608
CIVIL							
Litigation	4	2	2	5	2	8	5
Non Litigation Tribunals	0	8	0	1	24	4	0
Administrative	0	2	1	1	2	4	0
Appeals	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Other	6	37	18	40	39	38	23
TOTAL	10	50	21	47	67	54	30
GRAND TOTAL	1050	779	758	711	1832	1911	1977

* Bracketed figures indicate the number of Young Offenders dossiers within each count.

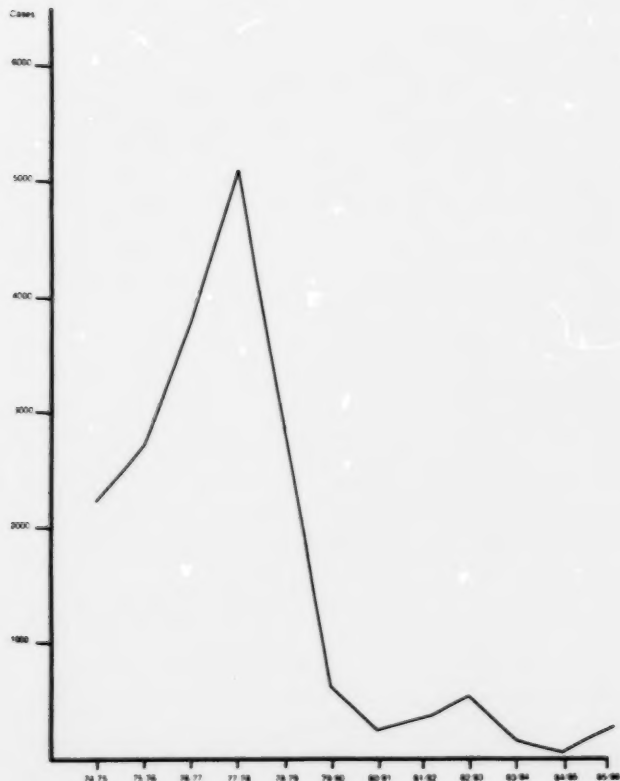
Regina City	Regina Rural	Saskatoon City	Saskatoon Rural	South East	Swift Current	Yorkton	Central Office	Total	Percentage of Application Received
5309	1245	4215	1046	532	528	1482	380	25841	
2335	845	2351	525	214	299	824	58	13974	54%
639	123	783	101	47	33	193	6	3411	13%
2198	246	767	397	255	168	420	311	7492	29%
20	1	17	4	3	2	5	0	81	
95	32	332	14	10	28	57	5	917	4%

Regina Rural	Saskatoon City	Saskatoon Rural	South East	Swift Current	Yorkton	Central Office	Total Completed Dossiers by Legal Aid Staff	Total Completed Dossiers by Private Bar	Percentage of Total
4 (0)	6 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	9 (0)	1 (0)	55 (5)	16 (0)	
0 (0)	6 (1)	2 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	18 (1)	0 (0)	
13 (0)	24 (4)	6 (2)	3 (1)	3 (1)	7 (3)	0 (0)	145 (21)	6 (0)	
89 (8)	281 (39)	72 (9)	22 (5)	16 (2)	113 (16)	15 (5)	1609 (192)	41 (5)	
7 (3)	72 (10)	5 (3)	0 (0)	1 (0)	4 (1)	1 (0)	191 (35)	10 (0)	
189 (62)	820 (279)	179 (60)	51 (25)	62 (14)	314 (120)	7 (1)	4138 (1601)	96 (36)	
31 (1)	135 (8)	20 (2)	8 (1)	18 (2)	49 (8)	2 (0)	569 (39)	15 (1)	
49 (4)	57 (2)	60 (7)	21 (3)	26 (3)	97 (6)	1 (0)	1114 (59)	9 (0)	
55 (2)	28 (3)	11 (1)	5 (1)	2 (0)	6 (0)	0 (0)	221 (12)	0 (0)	
122 (16)	373 (124)	89 (13)	19 (5)	19 (3)	96 (16)	4 (2)	2109 (405)	38 (3)	
15 (3)	42 (7)	12 (4)	8 (0)	12 (1)	20 (11)	1 (0)	309 (58)	8 (0)	
2 (0)	4 (2)	3 (3)	0 (0)	4 (3)	3 (1)	1 (0)	80 (57)	0 (0)	
576 (99)	1848 (479)	459 (104)	137 (41)	165 (29)	718 (182)	33 (8)	10558 (2485)	239 (45)	73%
4	1	0	0	0	1	0	48	0	
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	0	
43	5	4	0	3	13	1	298	0	
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	35	0	
48	6	6	0	3	14	1	393	0	3%
26	52	8	14	16	40	2	445	0	
55	187	44	20	42	69	2	871	0	
70	142	43	10	22	43	8	675	2	
11	48	5	0	2	1	1	226	3	
14	23	15	2	11	5	6	154	1	
5	7	1	5	2	14	0	73	3	
25	84	31	11	43	38	2	565	0	
0	4	2	1	0	0	2	19	0	
5	21	5	2	7	5	1	155	1	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
211	568	154	65	145	215	24	3184	10	22%
2	2	1	4	1	2	1	41	0	
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	39	0	
0	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
11	1	2	3	10	11	0	239	0	
14	4	4	8	11	13	1	334	0	2%
849	2426	623	210	324	960	59	14469	249	100%



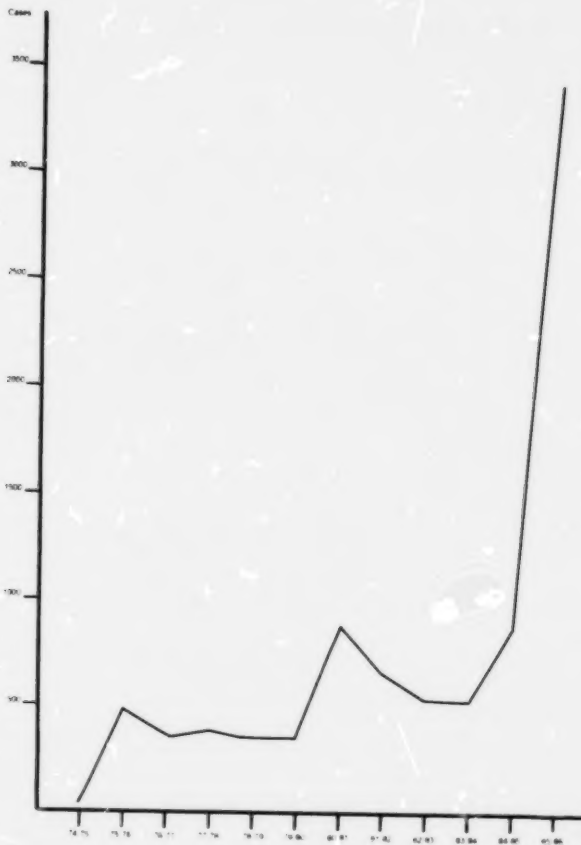
CASE STATISTICS FOR LEGAL AID STAFF 1974-1986

	OPENED	CLOSED
1974/75	5172	Not Available
75/76	15546	Not Available
76/77	18478	15359
77/78	23245	16755
78/79	15904*	16177
79/80	16250*	14313
80/81	27204	23912
81/82	26167	26066
82/83	28314	26400
83/84	25946	25086
84/85	16767**	15301
85/86	17385***	14469



CASES COMPLETED BY THE PRIVATE BAR 1974-1986

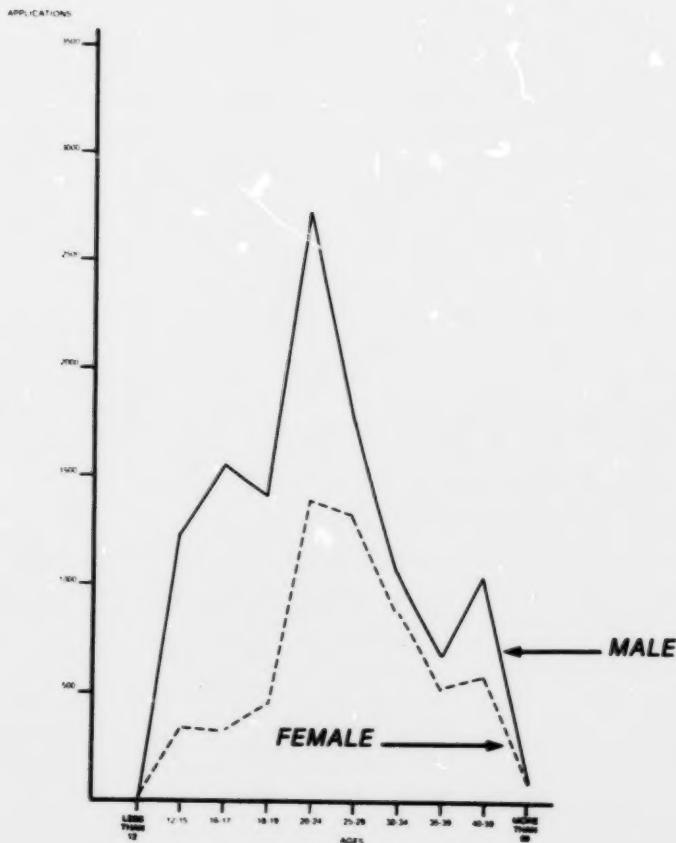
	Number of Cases	\$
1974/75	2200	221,266
75/76	2719	392,635
76/77	3797	646,664
77/78	5131	984,107
78/79	2843	824,770
79/80	625	145,301
80/81	253	113,166
81/82	378	195,130
82/83	525	407,820
83/84	156	211,606
84/85	54	68,218
85/86	249	115,107



JUVENILE DELINQUENT ACT/ YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT STATISTICS

1974/75	31
75/76	472
76/77	347
77/78	385
78/79	355
79/80	360
80/81	886
81/82	659
82/83	529
83/84	533
84/85	882*
85/86	3411**

*Young Offenders Act proclaimed for 12-15 year olds.
**16 & 17 year olds included.

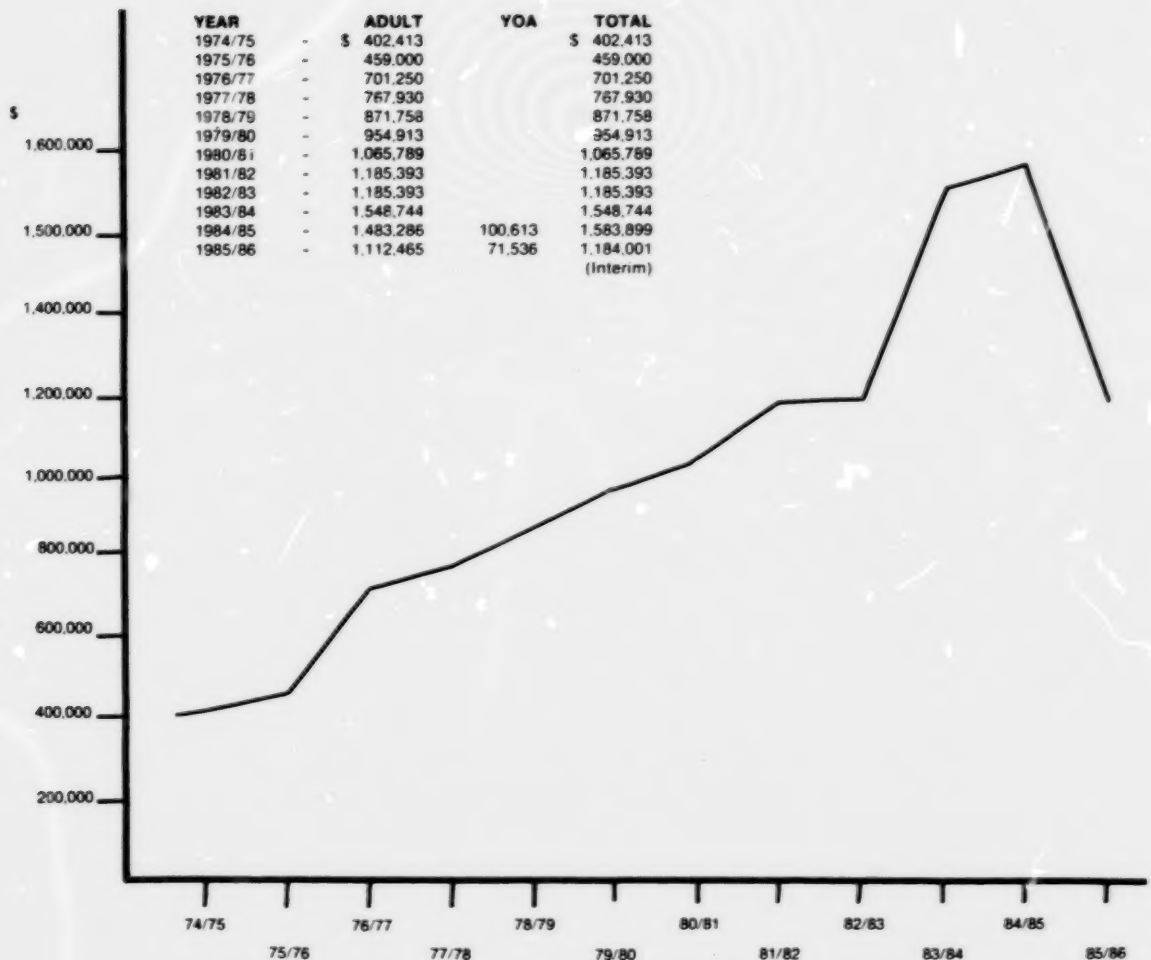


1985-86 FULL SERVICE APPLICATIONS, MALE/FEMALE, BY AGE

	MALE	FEMALE
LESS THAN 12	15	7
12-15	1222	336
16-17	1549	318
18-19	1412	443
20-24	2727	1396
25-29	1746	1303
30-34	1048	874
35-39	690	520
40-59	1023	570
MORE THAN 59	118	67
TOTALS	11,550	5,834

FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL COST SHARING AGREEMENTS

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Province of Saskatchewan have a cost sharing arrangement respecting the provision of legal aid in criminal matters to eligible adults in need of such aid. Cost sharing of legal aid for young offenders began effective April 1, 1984.



EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS 1974-1986

On September 1, 1983 when *The Legal Aid Act* came into force, the employees of a board under *The Community Legal Services (Saskatchewan) Act* were deemed to be employees of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission.

	74/75	75/76	76/77	77/78	78/79	79/80	80/81	81/82	82/83	83/84	84/85	85/86
Barristers & Solicitors	17	33	34	39	34	49	57	57	59	55	54	58
Paralegals	4	19	23	23	15	21	23	25	25	25	29	28
Administrative & Support Staff	45	62	57	59	55	61	63	61	62	55	52	54
TOTAL	66	114	114	121	104	131	143	143	146	135	135	140

RECIPROCITY 1985/86

The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Plan participates in a nation wide agreement among the provinces to provide legal services to eligible applicants resident in other provinces. Those referrals are statistically reflected in the following table:

REFERRED TO:

	AB	BC	MB	NB	NS	NF	NWT	ON	QB	YK	TOTAL
Access	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	4
Child Apprehension	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Criminal	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	3
Custody	20	5	10	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	37
Divorce	6	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	9
Maintenance	13	3	3	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	23
Matrimonial Property	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTAL	44	12	15	1	—	—	1	8	—	—	81

REFERRED FROM:

	AB	BC	MB	NB	NS	NF	NWT	ON	QB	YK	TOTAL
Access	5	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	10
Child Apprehension	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Criminal	10	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Custody	14	12	4	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	32
Divorce	6	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Maintenance	6	7	2	—	1	—	—	2	1	1	20
Service of Documents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
TOTAL	41	24	15	—	1	1	—	4	3	1	90

REFUSED: Refused from within province	18
Refused from other provinces	24
TOTAL	42

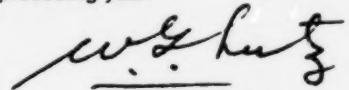
AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have examined the balance sheet of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission as at March 31, 1986 and the statement of revenue, expenditure, and operating surplus for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Commission as at March 31, 1986 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the disclosed basis of accounting applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Regina, Saskatchewan,
May 16, 1986.



W.G. Lutz, F.C.A.,
Provincial Auditor.

THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION

BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31

	ASSETS	1986	1985
Current			
Cash		\$ 137,439	\$ 119,805
Accounts receivable		6,168	8,633
Prepaid expense		<u>93,163</u>	<u>55,082</u>
Total current assets		<u>236,770</u>	<u>183,520</u>
Fixed — at cost (Note 1)			
Furniture and equipment		\$ 381,904	\$ 305,833
Library		<u>685,310</u>	<u>640,772</u>
Total fixed assets		<u>1,067,214</u>	<u>1,006,605</u>
		<u>\$ 1,303,984</u>	<u>\$ 1,190,125</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Current			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		\$ 163,598	\$ 179,194
Equity			
Equity in fixed assets		1,067,214	1,006,605
Operating surplus		<u>73,172</u>	<u>4,326</u>
Total equity		<u>1,140,386</u>	<u>1,010,931</u>
		<u>\$ 1,303,984</u>	<u>\$ 1,190,125</u>

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURE, AND OPERATING SURPLUS
Year Ended March 31

	1986	1985
Revenue:		
Consolidated Fund appropriation	\$ 6,115,990	\$ 5,751,990
Other	<u>70,098</u>	<u>84,905</u>
	<u>6,186,088</u>	<u>5,836,895</u>
Expenditure:		
Salaries and employee benefits	5,111,620	4,864,795
Administrative and operating expenses (Schedule 1)	487,175	512,035
Provision of legal services	142,558	82,125
Travel	193,112	187,783
Library and equipment purchases	78,348	92,395
Professional services	<u>104,429</u>	<u>107,238</u>
	<u>6,117,242</u>	<u>5,846,371</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditure (expenditure over revenue)	68,846	(9,476)
Operating surplus beginning of year	<u>4,326</u>	<u>13,802</u>
Operating surplus end of year	<u>\$ 73,172</u>	<u>\$ 4,326</u>

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)

THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 1986

1. **Accounting Policies**

a) **Revenue**

The following are included in revenue for the Commission:

- i) sums required for the purposes of the Commission as appropriated by the Legislature and received by the Commission less any unexpended funds remaining from the legislative appropriation for a fiscal year unless otherwise authorized by Treasury Board;
- ii) other miscellaneous receipts.

b) **Fixed Assets**

The Commission utilizes fund accounting wherein expenditures for fixed assets appear in the statement of revenue and expenditures. To maintain accountability for fixed assets, it is necessary to record them as a balance sheet asset with a corresponding entry to "Equity in Fixed Assets." Because fixed asset purchases are included in the statement of revenue and expenditure, no provision has been made for depreciation of the fixed assets.

2. **Incorporation**

The Legal Aid Act came into force on September 1, 1983 by Order-in-Council 1275/83 and continued The Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission as a body corporate under the name of The Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to provide legal services in criminal and civil proceedings or matters to persons and organizations financially unable to secure those services from their own resources.

3. **Office Rent**

During the fiscal year accommodation for all offices of the Commission was provided by the Department of Supply and Services and accordingly no rent is paid for the use of that space. Neither the value of this benefit nor the costs related to this space are reflected in the financial statements.

THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGAL AID COMMISSION

SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES

Year Ended March 31

	1986	1985
Telephone	\$ 181,142	\$ 176,023
Other operating expenses	107,909	114,766
Contractual services	68,871	97,282
Stationery and office supplies	52,413	48,365
Office rent (Note 3)	—	9,900
Periodicals	54,131	41,898
Photocopying	<u>22,709</u>	<u>23,801</u>
Total administrative and operating expenses (Statement 2)	<u>\$ 487,175</u>	<u>\$ 512,035</u>

(See accompanying notes to the financial statements)